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**Charles Green, Vice President of Sunrise Bank of Atlanta,
Named SBA Financial Services Champion of the Year in Georgia**
--He Helped Secure Over \$100 million in SBA Loans for Banking Clients--

Charles H. Green, Vice President and Regional Manager of Sunrise Bank of Atlanta, has been selected the 2005 Financial Services Champion of the Year in Georgia by the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Green received his SBA award yesterday from Terri L. Denison, SBA Georgia District Director at an Atlanta luncheon hosted by the Georgia Lenders Quality Circle. He was nominated for his statewide award by Fola Adepoju, President of Onward Ventures Inc., of Lilburn, Georgia.

“Charles Green’s award was based on his solid record in assisting small businesses to obtain financing,” said Ms. Denison. “He has also helped educate small business about SBA financing through a number of news articles and books he has written in recent years.”



Green earned his B.S. Degree in Finance from the University of Alabama and has been active in SBA lending exclusively since 1990.

In 2003, Green was part of a steering committee that formed the Georgia Lenders Quality Circle (CLQC) a trade association of SBA participating lenders in Georgia. Last September he became Chairman of the group which has hosted the annual SBA Small Business Awards Luncheon for the second consecutive year.

Green started his career in SBA lending when he was hired by Standard Chartered Bank of Atlanta to manage a \$45 million portfolio of loans guaranteed by the SBA. The portfolio contained loans from nine different SBA Districts.

In 1992, Green began originating SBA loans as a partner of Southeast Capital Associates Inc., an independent financial intermediary. Over the next six years, he was involved in securing more than \$100 million in SBA-backed loans for clients.

Green has been a member of the National Association of Government Guaranteed Lenders (NAGGL) since 1990. He has attended numerous NAGGL national meetings and has been active with its Government Relations Committee since 2002.

During 2004, Green was interviewed by a number of media outlets concerning SBA financing or other small business topics including the Atlanta Business Chronicle, the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, CFO Magazine, Crain's New York Business, and WPBA-TV's Georgia Business Report.

Green has written several books on small business financing including "Streetwise: Financing the Small Business" in 2003 which to date has sold over 6,000 copies. Last year he completed the first revision of "The SBA Loan Book" which has sold over 30,000 copies since first published in 1999. Both books are sold nationally by Barnes & Noble, Borders and Amazon.com.

He also led local efforts to establish a new Certified Development Company to provide SBA 504 Economic Development Loans in Georgia. He is now Chairman of Georgia Resource Capital Inc., which was approved by SBA as a 504 lender in May 2004. The new CDC finished fiscal year 2004 as the 7th leading 504 participant in Georgia after five months of operation.

Green currently serves as Vice Chairman of the Fulton County Arts Council and is a board member of the Atlanta Dogwood Festival, Hands-On Atlanta and the Arts Leadership League of Georgia.

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